



## City Grants Pepco Franchise; Lower Rate Slated; First Bills Prepared

The city of Greenbelt granted Potomac Electric Power Company a 30-year franchise with two 20-year renewal options, at a special council meeting last Tuesday night. Virtually assured is the urban, or cheaper, rate for electric power to Greenbelt residents, City Manager Charles McDonald stated. Granting of the franchise, after several months of negotiations, now paves the way for Pepco to apply to the Public Service Commission to serve the city at the urban rate.

The power company had originally asked for a perpetual franchise; the council's original demand was a five-year agreement. Pepco came down to 50 years, the city up to ten. This week the 30-year plan was approved by both parties. The franchise is non-exclusive, which permits the city to operate its own electric power units to serve its own needs, but not to sell it to others.

It was disclosed that Pepco will now proceed with sending out its first bills, which have already been computed on the urban rate.

Off the cuff: the city is still waiting for the "payment in lieu of taxes" from the federal government for the property it owns in Greenbelt; without it the budget is incomplete and the tax rate cannot be determined. . . the dedication of property is definitely complete now with the registration of plats accomplished; it was finally disclosed that the community building was in no dire jeopardy because of Cooperator publicity. . . next on the utility list to come under franchise scrutiny is the telephone company! . . . the city may move to upstairs offices soon; the bank will take over the space the city now has. . . the bank's air-conditioning unit now serves the city offices, installed with anticipation that the bank would eventually take over those quarters. . . City Clerk Winfield McCamy remarked, "I don't mind moving now, and giving up the air-conditioning unit before I get used to it" . . . the rescue squad was given land owned by the Armory (exclusive) for a new rescue squad building; prepare for a campaign for still another building fund! . . . the entrance and exit to the new Baltimore Parkway may not be too convenient for Greenbelt motorists, according to blueprints. . . rather involved coming from Washington, easy from Baltimore. . . Ralph Powers, city solicitor, was given much credit for swinging the franchise deal to Greenbelt's advantage with his background of state legislation on franchises. . . once sat in the legislature when such legislation was approved. . . credit also goes to McDonald for pulling another of his famous "horsetrades" in shrewd negotiations with Pepco officials; used solid backing of city council for emphasis.

## Northwestern Visited By Accrediting Group

Northwestern High School was recently visited by the accrediting committee, which was honored at two social affairs. The Board of Education sponsored a dinner Monday evening, with the committee as honor guests.

On Wednesday afternoon the Northwestern PTA gave a tea for the committee, with Mrs. Clyde Stripling acting as hostess. Mrs. Lloyd McEwen assisted on the refreshment committee. Others participating from Greenbelt were Dr. Fred Thompson and PTA Secretary Lloyd McEwen.

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## No Social Worker, Council Decrees

A motion to hire a part-time social worker was defeated for lack of a second, at last Monday's city council meeting. Councilman Ben Goldfaden proposed the social worker as a means of helping welfare cases in the city. City Manager Charles McDonald explained that such a position would create special problems: space for the social worker that had privacy, funds to help citizens in need, and specialized training by the employee.

Mayor Frank Lastner stated that he would not want to burden the city with new services which would cost money. He was pledged to keeping taxes low, he added. It was disclosed that welfare cases are usually handled by churches and civic groups, with "referral" work being the usual kind of assistance. Those in need of help are directed to the proper organizations, it was explained. Ordinarily, the cases in Greenbelt are emergency hardship cases where money is needed to tide them over a rough time.

A welfare department was requested by the city in last year's budget and refused by Public Housing Administration. It was decided to let the city manager and his staff serve as a referral organization; however, McDonald stated that very few cases are brought to his attention.

## Pupils' Program At Center PTA

By Miriam G. Johnson

Tom Sawyer allowed the gang to pay him for the privilege of painting the fence Aunt Polly had ordered him to white-wash Tuesday night in the Center School auditorium. The fence was artfully conceived by Mrs. Edna Drake's second and third grade class and displayed at the PTA meeting. Danny Henderson was Mark Twain's hero come to life and other characters were portrayed by R. Fink, B. Rubin, B. Tierney, B. Colley and M. Perlman.

"Our Children Tell Us" was the theme for the program and all the grades were represented in the program. The many fine participants cannot all be mentioned here. First grade pupils read from their primers, and showed that they learned numbers in that way too.

Mrs. Gertrude Yeager's second and third year class reminisced on a trip they had made to Beltsville. Mr. Jones, as well as the cows and pigs of that agriculture research center, were discussed in lively fashion by A. Levine, F. Braund, F. Bukzin, L. Gerson, R. Duter and B. Leslie.

Social Studies were portrayed in a chart story by Mrs. Whittenburg's group which included S. Schwimer, L. Grosfield, C. Spindel, M. Castle, R. Hanitchak and M. Weidberg.

Fifth grader Laura Lee Mitchell represented Mrs. Thompson's room when she told about "The Part Reading Plays in the School Day of Room 220."

## GVHC Bids High On Partial Sale

High bidder on one of the six parcels of apartment and garage units offered for sale by Public Housing Administration was Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. The five other high bids were made by out-of-town firms, according to Orville Mitchell, PHA administrator.

The bids were opened March 19 and at present are awaiting approval of the PHA commissioner in Washington.

The parcel for which GVHC offered the highest price is composed of two buildings in Parkway: units 9, 11, and 13 Parkway, and 15, 17, 19, and 21 Parkway, plus two garage areas on either side of the apartment buildings.

GVHC's overall bid for the entire offering fell approximately \$100,000 under the highest overall bid. By selling the parcels separately to the highest bidders PHA will realize approximately \$27,000 more than by selling to the firm submitting the highest overall bid.

## March Awards Given By Cub Pack 202

Cub Scout Pack 202 met last Friday in the Fellowship Center of the Community Church to make awards and to see a new film on fishing.

Theodore Dalbow announced the winners of the Kite Flying Contest held at Braden Field March 14. Jack Ohlmacher won first prize for the fastest kite in the 8-year-old group and Hans Jorgensen was second. Pat Caldwell won first prize and the 9-year-old group and David Dalbow was second. First prize for the kite that went the highest was won by Mike Holmes; second prize, Gordon Bingham. Hans Jorgensen won first prize for the most unusual kite and Byron Page second. Den Chiefs Barry Porter, Eddie Moody and Eddie Mangold were the judges.

The following awards were given: Martin Walden, one-year pin, a gold and silver arrow; Billy Maguire, Denner's Stripe; Eric Haegele, two silver arrows and a gold arrow; Bobby Coleman, one-year pin and a gold arrow; Chester Conner, two-year pin; Gordon Bingham, a gold arrow; and David Palmerton, one-year pin and Wolf Badge.

New members Michael Holmes, Alex Grant and Bryant Tierney received their Bobcat pins and started the candle lighting service for webelos Jimmy Ohlmacher and Charles Callanan, who have completed the Cub Scout trail. Den Mother Mary Callanan bade the two boys goodbye and wished them success in Scouting. Curt Barker welcomed the boys into the Scouts.

Cubmaster Ohlmacher introduced The Webelos candle lighting ed Lewis Tierney, who has taken over the leadership of Den 7. Ceremony was completed with Jimmy Ohlmacher lighting the Webelos candle and Charles Callanan the candle for Scouting.

## Methodist Women Plan Bake Sale

The Womens Society for Christian Service of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church will hold a bake sale Friday, March 27, in front of the theater. Two of the projects to be supported by proceeds from this sale are new robes for the Junior choir and the proposed new church building. Chairmen for this event are Mrs. Mary Irvin and Mrs. Coletta Warne. Those wishing to contribute home-baked pastries to this sale should telephone Mrs. Irvin.

## GCS To Elect Board, Vote On Pay At Next Wednesday's Meeting

Members of Greenbelt Consumer Services will meet Wednesday night to elect a new board of directors, act on by-law changes and vote on compensation for the board. The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt theater, with registration beginning at 7:45 p.m.

The agenda will also include election of the audit committee and the nominations and elections committee, as well as an opportunity for action on "new business."

## Bloodmobile To Visit Greenbelt April 3

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Greenbelt at the Center school on Friday, April 3, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. to receive blood donations.

Many residents of Greenbelt proudly wear two-gallon pins, and many others are striving to join these exclusive ranks.

This visit of the bloodmobile is being jointly sponsored by the Prince Georges Red Cross Chapter and the Greenbelt Lions Club.

The new polio vaccine, gamma globulin, is extracted from blood given to the Red Cross. This serum will not be given just for the asking, but used only in places where polio epidemics threaten. This is because of the shortage of donations.

## Miller Resigns Cooperator Post

Ralph G. Miller, editor of the Cooperator, has resigned that position effective March 27, according to an announcement by George Reeves, president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

No successor was named by Reeves, who stated that the paper will be operated by a rotating group of editors until a permanent editor is elected.

Miller's reason for resigning is due to pressure of other work, Reeves said.

## Fire Sweeps Garden Behind Legion Home

The police department sends a word of warning to gardeners cleaning out their plots: Do not burn them when there is a strong breeze, and confine burning to the State prescribed hours of four to seven p.m.

Sunday afternoon a gardener's fire spread behind the American Legion Home and caused a brush fire. Volunteer fire companies of Branchville, College Park, and Berwyn Heights joined the Greenbelt fire department in putting out the fire.

## Pick Your Plot For Garden Spot

All allocation of garden plots has been transferred from Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation to the Garden club, according to Hans Jorgensen, who is in charge of the records.

The next meeting of the Garden club will be held Friday evening, April 3, at 8 p.m. in room 120 of the Center school, at which time it is planned to complete all garden assignments.

Although those who had garden plots last year will have priority on the same plots this year, Jorgensen recommends that all requests be verified. He will be available to answer questions at his home 19-E Hillside, or by telephone, 5637.

Fifteen candidates seek election to the nine-man board, six of whom shop in the Takoma Park stores. Six members of the present board have been nominated: Walter J. Bierwagen, T. George Davidsen, Frank W. Lewis (Takoma), Sam Schwimer, Morris J. Solomon, Harry Zubkoff. Two former board members are candidates: Eleanor H. Ritchie and Benjamin Rosenzweig. Other nominees are: Antoine Day (Takoma), Max M. Fisher (Takoma), Bryan K. Gamble, Irving Gerring, Robert F. Mize (Takoma), Larry Oosterhous (Takoma), Reuben Bogdanoff (Takoma).

### Hare System

Voting will be conducted according to the Hare system of proportional representation as provided in the by-laws.

Four by-law amendments have been proposed: (1) and (2) to limit the terms of office of directors and audit committee members to two consecutive terms; (3) to provide for recess voting for directors; (4) to remove the requirement that three regular quarterly membership meetings be held.

A proposal to increase annual compensation for the board from \$84 to \$240 will also come up for consideration Wednesday night. The raise has been put on the agenda by a member "to represent, more appropriately, partial compensation for the time and effort spent by the directors in performing their duties."

### Auditing Nominations

Nominations for the auditing committee include George Eshbaugh, Allan D. Morrison, Mrs. Howard Hunt, Robert C. Hull, and David Reznikoff, all of Greenbelt.

The employees' retirement plan will be presented to the membership for approval.

A movie will be shown at the beginning of the program, and the evening will end with light refreshments.

## Color Experts Tell Decorator Secrets

More than 100 people gathered at the Greenbelt theater last Thursday for a presentation of home decorating suggestions. The meeting was jointly sponsored by Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation and Greenbelt Consumer Services.

Gene Black, color stylist of a leading paint firm, explained the use of colorful paints in creating beautiful rooms. He emphasized using the decorating aids which are available at the department store.

Black, who is considered by his company as one of the country's top color stylists, also explained the personalized color service which is available through the co-op department store. This service enables the decorator to obtain unusual colors not carried in the standard lines, as well as colors which will match room appointments.

The second speaker was Richmond Bradshaw, noted Washington interior stylist, who spoke on fabrics and furniture and their use in decorating.



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## Maffay-Clark

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Maffay, 4-B Southway, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Mary to Sherwood Arthur Clark, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Funk of Topeka, Kansas. No date has been set for the wedding, which will take place in the fall.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Eric T. Braund, Minister

Thursday, March 26 - 8 p.m., Lenten service, Rev. C. R. Strausburg, speaker.

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday. Church School as follows: (both social hall and Fellowship Center in use 9 and 11 a.m. Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary. 10 a.m., Juniors through Adults; Men's Bible Class; Fidelis Bible Class. Morning worship, 9 and 11 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Braund, sixth in series, "Discipline of Suffering." Baptism, reception of new members, and confirmation class; distribution of palm branches. Music at 11 a.m.: alto solo, "He was despised"; choir, "Surely He hath borne our griefs"; enor solo, "Behold, and see if there be any sorrow"; choir, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates", all from Messiah by Handel.

Tuesday, March 31 - Fidelis Bible Class Meets at 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday, Candlelight Communion at 8 p.m.

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday three-hour service, 12 noon to 3. Easter Sunday, April 5 - Morning worship at 9, 10, and 11 a.m.

## ST. HUGHS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friday - Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. Confessions - Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Palm Sunday - See special church notice this issue. Masses as usual at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Baptisms - Sunday 1 p.m. Anyone desiring to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Holy Thursday - Mass at 8:30 a.m. and all-night adoration Thursday night.

Good Friday - There will be no observance of First Friday, since it is Good Friday and Holy Communion is not distributed at this Mass. Good Friday Mass at 8:30 a.m. Three Hours from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

St. Hugh's Catholic School will observe Easter Vacation from Tuesday, March 31, after school closes in the afternoon until Wednesday, April 8. Classes will resume on Wednesday at 9 a.m.

## Clean-up Campaign Off to Good Start

Last Saturday's inauguration of a 3-week "clean-up" drive in Greenbelt was termed a complete and gratifying success by Mayor Frank Lastner. Trash collectors were very active answering calls from residents and didn't complete the job until Monday night. Lastner expressed pleasure with the enhanced appearance of the community, and thanked the residents for their splendid cooperation.

The following two Saturdays will also be dedicated to cleaning up the community and improving the general appearance of the city.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Robert E. Jones, Vicar

Telephone 3703

Saturday, March 28 - 11 a.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday, March 29 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult discussion of Christian Doctrine. 11 a.m., Palm Sunday service with the Rite of Confirmation. Address to the confirmants on I Tim. 6:12, "Fight the Good Fight."

Next Sunday morning, Greenbelt Lutheran Church will receive Mary Ann Wertz, Charles Alexander, Ralph MacMichael, Clair Maschauer, and Darrell Niemann into communicant membership by the Rite of Confirmation.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister

Palm Sunday, March 29 - Session of the Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Richard Hoffman, superintendent. Classes for all. Worship with sermon by the Pastor. Baptism and reception of members.

Holy Thursday, April 2 - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 8 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial Church on Woodlandway. Members of the congregation and friends are urged to attend.

All Sunday services at North End school.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

Services will be held in the Social room of the Greenbelt center school Friday evening at 8 p.m. Candlelighting time, 6:08.

Passover will start at sundown on March 30. The festival of Passover celebrates the Israelite exodus from Egypt. It is celebrated annually for 8 days, during which time bread is replaced by matzos, in commemoration of the unleavened bread which the Israelites ate in their hurried departure from Egypt.

## Letters To The Editor

### HARE ABSURD

The absurdity of the Hare (PR) system of voting is illustrated by the recent GVHC election. Nine positions on the board were to be filled, but under the Hare system only one (the first) or two (first and second) votes of each voter were counted. If nine positions were to be filled, all nine votes of each voter should count, not just one or two. If the plurality system is not acceptable, a weighted system under which each voter could cast nine votes any way he pleases and have each vote counted (for example, all nine votes for one candidate; or five for A, three for B, and one for C) would give minorities representation on the board, since minorities could organize and agree to cast all their votes for one of two candidates and be sure that each and every vote counts. Such a system is uncomplicated and easily understood. The GVHC by-laws should be amended to abolish the Hare system of voting.

B. J. BORDENET.

### RETIREMENT

What is the ethical standard of GCS these days? When its lawyers tell management they can legally get by with something, GCS is planning, and rightly so, to set up a retirement system for its employees. GCS's contribution will be 10% of its net savings. The board recommended a by-law change, inasmuch as the by-laws set forth very clearly the distribution of net savings. Upon legal advice, however, management decided this was not necessary. Therefore, as I understand it, without consulting the entire board, management decided not to send out the suggested by-law change. This decision was made in spite of the fact that the next meeting of the board would not allow sufficient time to give due notice to the membership.

In other words, management's decision was to the effect that the board and membership had no right to consider the ethical problems as long as the move was "within the law." Perhaps we had better stop and ask ourselves who is deciding policy these days. A recent legal act cost GCS members several thousands of dollars, and this decision might very well have the same effect. Courts do not always agree with GCS's lawyers.

As for the retirement system itself, the idea is an excellent one. The whole concept of a contribution from net savings, however, is, in my opinion, contrary to the spirit of cooperative thinking. If GCS has no net savings, nothing is added by the cooperative. This is hardly fair to the employees who are contributing 5% of their gross pay each week. It would also put the member and the employee in conflict with each other. Every effort should certainly be made to make employees cost-conscious, but not at the expense of his interest in the consumer. At the present time there is no incentive to overcharge or mulct the member, but if the employees have an interest in making "profits" as large as possible, the consumer has lost a major safeguard that the cooperative was set up to provide for him. If any of you think that it is difficult to overcharge the customer, talk to any ex-employee of a chain, or read the proceedings of the case against a large grocery chain.

The membership, in its own self interest, should come to the membership meeting April 1 prepared to vote against any contribution to a retirement plan based on a percentage of the net savings. The employees should also vote against any plan which makes it possible for them to contribute \$15,000 to

## My Daze

IT'S SPRING BOTH ON THE CALENDAR and in the air. Witness the daffodil, forsythia, and magnolia. Our attention turns more and more to the out-of-doors and our yard, the care of which presents a happy challenge to a city-bred pair like ourselves. Blessed with an abundance of lawn and hedge, we sought expert advice, and this was readily supplied us by John D. Anderson. He is a gardener, now with GVHC, who for eighteen years served PHA in Greenbelt. The hints he gave us are these:

**"GREENBELT LAWNS NEED TO BE** liberally spread with agricultural lime, and now is the best time to do it. A 49-pound bag can be gotten at any hardware store for 80c. Seeding should be done now, or at least by April 15, as it gets too warm for young grass after that. The best time for seeding is, of course, the fall. A shade grass mixture is available for shady spots such as under trees. For open spaces there are the regular mixes as Cononial Bent, Red Top, Kentucky Blue, and Chewing's Fescue.

**"THE GROUND UNDER HEDGES** should be raked out, dug up and fertilized with Vigoro or 5-10-5. The sap is up in the hedges now, and they may be clipped. It's important to slope the hedge when trimming to allow the sun to reach the bottom as well as the top branches. (Top about 24, bottom about 30 inches wide). As a result the hedge will get thick on bottom and stay green on bottom too."

— DAISY.

\$20,000 and GCS nothing. A retirement plan should certainly be put into effect, but the contribution from GCS should be based on a formula matching employee contributions, or fixed at a definite annual amount.

THOMAS B. RITCHIE.

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Blessing and Distribution of PALMS before 9:30 Mass

### EVENING DEVOTIONS

Wednesday - Thursday - Friday at 8 P.M.

### HOLY THURSDAY

Communions at 6:30-7:00 and during the High Mass at 8:30 to be sung by school children.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT all day and night.

### GOOD FRIDAY

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Three Hours' Silence and Prayer from 12 to 3  
STATIONS of the Cross at 2 for everybody. Also at 8.  
Veneration of the Cross all day in church.

### HOLY SATURDAY

Blessings begin at 7. High Mass at 8:30 to be sung by our Senior Choir. Easter Water after Mass.

### CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4 to 5 - 7 to 8 - After Services at night  
Friday 3 to 4 - After Services at night  
Saturday... 3 to 5:30 - 7 to 9:30 by Priest Visitor

### EASTER SUNDAY

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## Dental Group OK's Fluorides

(Editor's Note - In the February 26 issue of this paper, there appeared an article entitled "Caution Sounded on Fluoridation" which was largely a review of a warning against fluoridation originally published in the February issue of Harpers Magazine.

(Since that time, considerable discussion on the subject has ensued. The Cooperator, desirous of presenting both sides of every question, presents below most of a letter sent to Harper's Magazine by the American Dental Association, strongly favoring the fluoridation procedure. This letter, signed by Herbert B. Bain, Director of ADA's Bureau of Public Information, was brought to our attention by Dr. James W. McCarl, Greenbelt Medical Center. —Editor.)

Editor-in-Chief  
Harper's Magazine  
Dear Mr. Allen:

In the opinion of staff scientists of the American Dental Association, the article, "Go Slow on Fluoridation," by James Rorty in your February issue is an amazing example of irresponsible journalism. This opinion stems more from the fact that such a distorted and one-sided article was accepted for publication by the editors of Harper's Magazine than from the erroneous implications and statements in the manuscript.

It is difficult to assess the motivation of Mr. Rorty and your editors in trying to destroy confidence in a demonstrated public health measure, the fluoridation of communal water supplies. The benefits and safety of fluoridation have been demonstrated beyond all reasonable doubt by valid and comprehensive research. This simple, inexpensive procedure has been proved to reduce the prevalence of dental caries among children of entire communities by from 60 to 65 per cent.

Mr. Rorty's article, for the most part, is a distortion of the report of the Delaney committee of the 83rd Congress. He quotes in detail only the few witnesses who testified in opposition to fluoridation and ignores the testimony of individuals who testified in favor of fluoridation. Most of the "authorities" quoted in the article are men who have done little, if any, actual research in dental caries or on the systemic effects of fluorides in nutrition. Each of the adverse opinions stressed by Mr. Rorty had been refuted by careful and conscientious research before his article was written. The implication of the article that the representative bodies of the health professions of this nation would urge and recommend a harmful

## MEN'S SUITS INCLUDE 2 PAIR OF TROUSERS

The Co-op Dept. Store is featuring men's suits in season's most popular shades for only \$25. This low price includes two pairs of trousers. All sizes are now in stock from 36 to 44, in regulars, shorts and longs. The material is of gabardine with the right amount of acetate and nylon for extra wear and crease resistance. Again let us repeat: a man's two trouser suit for only \$25.

Pd. Advt.

procedure for the entire public is ridiculous and is unworthy of the traditional standards of Harper's.

The overwhelming majority of research scientists in the United States has recommended that all communal water supplies contain an optimum amount of fluoride ions. This is quite simply stated in the Delaney committee report as follows:

The major portion of scientific opinion in this country is that the addition to communal water supplies of fluoride compounds, in a quantity sufficient to equal the proportion of about one part of fluorine to one million parts of water, presents no hazard to the public health. Such highly qualified and reputable organizations as the American Medical Association, the National Research Council, the American Public Health Association, the American Dental Association, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers have endorsed the program of fluoridating the public drinking-water supply. The United States Public Health Service has issued an unqualified endorsement of the program.

On February 1 last, more than ten million persons in some 600 U. S. cities and towns were routinely drinking water to which fluoride ions were being added under controlled conditions. Included are the residents of the District of Columbia where the appropriation for fluoridation was approved by both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Additional hundreds of communities have approved the measure and are in the process of placing fluoridation in operation in the immediate future.

The current opposition to fluoridation is reminiscent of that against the chlorination of water and the pasteurization of milk. It is to be hoped that Harper's Magazine will not continue to oppose the benefits of fluoridation for all our children without at least reporting the findings of the great body of men of science who have conducted the actual research on fluoridation.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ HERBERT B. BAIN  
Director  
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## City Plans Change In Quarantine Rule

The city will amend the "quarantine" ordinance to conform with state and county laws, it was disclosed last Monday night at the city council meeting. The present city ordinance requires quarantine signs for almost all communicable diseases, resulting in confusion in the schools. State law requires quarantine only for a few diseases.

City Manager Charles McDonald disclosed that local school authorities are annoyed by the conflicting laws, which require the brother or sister of the ailing child to remain home in Greenbelt, but permits such students to attend in other schools. Often, McDonald explained, the communicable period has elapsed by the time the "outbreak" of the disease manifests itself. Council members agreed to amend the ordinance when it is presented at the next council meeting

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## Our Neighbors

By Dorothy McGee  
phone 8083

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Millett, 1-B Laurel Hill, are happy to announce the birth of their first baby, Robert George Millett, on March 15 at Prince Georges Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Callanan have moved from 2-C Laurel Hill to 9-J Southway; from one end of town to t'other, as it were.

Mrs. Ellen Linson, 14-C Crescent, and Dr. Ellen Harvey, 9-L Ridge, spent several days last week in Buck Hill Fall, Pa., attending a conference for recreation administrative leaders from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.

Mrs. Abert Ellerlin, 7-A Hillside, welcomed to Greenbelt on Sunday her sister, Mrs. Joel Almodovar and baby daughter, Nena, who arrived by plane from San Francisco. Mr. Almodovar came here three weeks ago to become associated with Arts and Crafts Supply Co. in Washington. At present they are living at 22-C Parkway, but have fallen in love with Greenbelt and are planning to buy a home here.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Justin Klem, 2-Q Laurel Hill, on the death of his brother in Rochester, New York. Mr. Klem, accompanied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Simons, motored up to Rochester to stay for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, 21-D Ridge, expect to move this week-end into their new home at 5911 Berwyn Road in Berwyn Heights. Mrs. Thompson, one of our teachers at Center School is looking forward to the enjoyment of the big house and extensive grounds.

Four-year-old Mary Lynn Buchanan has a new baby sister, Barbara Ann, born March 20 at Prince Georges Hospital. The Charles Buchanans live at 9-G Research.

Last Thursday Greenbelters enjoyed the last concert of the season at Maryland University of the National Symphony Orchestra, directed by Howard Mitchell. Recently school children from all over the county attended the annual concert given especially for them. Most of the children thoroughly enjoyed it much to the surprise of some of the parents (I speak for myself, John), and wished they could go more often than once a year.

Seven-year-old Marsha Mogel, 19-J Hillside, was thrilled to see in the Prince Georges Post, the picture that was taken of her being visited in the hospital by one of the Gray Ladies. Marsha was in the hospital for more than three weeks with a broken leg, and after several weeks at home, is just about ready to walk again.

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## Boy's Club Activities

By C. Link

The Midgets basketball team of Greenbelt defeated Takoma Park 32-25. Kenny Reamy and Don Bullion were high scorers for the Midgets with 8 points apiece.

The Greenbelt intermediates defeated University Park 47-30. In a well-played league game last week, Bill Brown with 14 points was high, followed by Tony Baker and Dick Shay with 8 points apiece.

The Greenbelt Juniors still remain undefeated by whipping Takoma Park last week by a score of 62-34. The Juniors throughout the game controlled both backboards, giving them the edge over Takoma Park. All the players who saw action for the Juniors made the scoring column. High scorer for the Juniors was Joe Ashley with 14 points, followed by Ralph Curry and Don Miller with 11 points apiece.

The Greenbelt Seniors in a league game came through by decisively defeating Riverdale 64-34. The Seniors played a very good defensive game. Lee Duter was high with 16, followed by Jerry Brittingham with 13, and Bill Moore with 11.

## Boy's Club Night

Please keep this coming Saturday night, March 28, open for I am sure it will be a night full of entertainment for both young and old. The first of the basketball games will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Greenbelt Center school.

Three top teams from Bladensburg will meet three Greenbelt teams. (The Midgets, Intermediates and Juniors.) These three games should prove to be a test of defensive and offensive basketball for both clubs.

The Greenbelt Community Band under the newly-appointed band director, Michael Ronca, and the famed majorettes under the directorship of Mrs. Ethel Perazzoli, will perform between 8 and 9.

Admission charge will be 25 cents for adults, and 10 cents for children.

## FILLED EASTER BASKETS

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## Recreation Notes

By Donnie Wolfe

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Monday, April 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. for the pre-school age children through the 3rd grade, and 1:30 to 3 p.m. for the 4th through 6th grade children. They will meet at the flag pole in front of the Center school and will be given instructions. They will then continue to the hunt area, which will start at the bottom of Braden Field and will continue on to Crescent and the wooded lot between St. Hugh's School and the apartments on Parkway. The roads will be policed during the hunt.

Anyone found around the hunt area before 9 a.m. will be automatically disqualified.

There will be 24 dozen colored eggs and 48 wrapped chocolate eggs hidden. Prizes will be the same for morning and afternoon. The child finding the "Greenbelt Egg" will receive a basket. The "Easter Egg", a chocolate bunny. The "St. Hugh's Egg", a chocolate egg, the "Center School Egg", a ball and paddle with candy, and the "North End Egg", a ball and paddle with candy.

## Tennis

The tennis courts are being repaired for the coming season and we hope to have them ready in the near future. We had to put a drain tile under the courts to give a better foundation. The lines will be painted and new nets installed on each court. The courts will be locked at all times, but anyone using the courts will be able to secure a key from the police station or at the Recreation Office located at the Youth Center. We are asking that you return the key so we can keep the court in use for tennis only.

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